COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 21st, 1885.

A meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, last night. Present: Ald. Kingston (in the chair), Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Browne, Hook, Hodgins, Christie, Scarrow, Toll, Stringer, Lilley, Cowan and Gardiner.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Forest City Band—Asking the use of the City Hall for a concert on the night of the 31st. Granted.

From R. Lewis, president of the Covered Curling Rink Company—Offering the city $400 for 80 feet on the Exhibition Grounds fronting on Richmond street, between Carling's creek and the lane south of it, and running back a distance of 250 feet, or $500 for the whole frontage of 100 feet on Richmond street, and running back the same distance. Referred to the London Trust, with power.

From Messrs. R. Hills & Co., directory publishers—Asking that if any contemplated changes in the names of streets are to be made that they be made at once before the issue of the new directory. No. 1.

From the City Solicitors—Stating that claims for damages against the city, Andrews vs. London and Black vs. London, were pending in the courts, and asking for instructions about the same, No 2.

From the City Solicitor—Stating tha Messrs. Hendrie & Co., were willing to remove their switch on Adelaide street, but asking until spring to do it. Laid over for two weeks.

From Thos. Tracy—Claiming $15 compensation for damages done by a water pipe in the City Hall bursting. Engineer and Chairman of No. 2, with power.

Petitions re-sewer rate tax, from Daniel Nolan, W. J. Anderson, and Geo. E. Evans were referred to No. 2 to bring in a by-law at next meeting exempting the above parties.

From P. Mulkern—Asking remission of taxes on certain portions of the Oliver estate. Granted.

From John Siggins—Asking remission of one-third of his taxes, on the ground that his property had depreciated one-third because of his failure to get a liquor license. No. 1.

Communications from A. G. Smyth, John Darch, Geo. G. Magee and G. W. Marsh—Re wrongful assessment. Referred to Court of Revision.

From Harris, Magee & Co.—Claiming damages from the city for Alex. Harvey. Referred to No. 2.

From Geo. Fox—Asking the Council to retain any funds they had in their hands belonging to Benj. Johnston for work on sewer contracts, as he and other workmen could not get their money from him. Referred to the Chairman and Engineer.

A claim for $35 damages from Danial O'Shea was referred to No. 2.

A petition from Henry Keyes and 27 others, asking for three gas lamps in No. 5 Ward, was referred to No. 3.

Petitions in the matter of taxes and assessment from W. J. Anderson, Geo. E. Evans, R. Thompson, Thos. Tamb ing, John Isaacs, E. T. Orndoff, J. McKenzie, Margaret Davidson, Mrs. King, Daniel Nolan, John Darch, G. W. Marsh, Catharine Bremner and Mrs. Vining, were referred to No. 1.

From Thomas Fraser—Asking to have the Health Inspector reprimanded for giving wrong legal advice to a tenant of his (Fraser) as to who should pay the cost of abating a nuisance. Referred to the Chairman of the Board of Health.

From the City Clerk of Hamilton—Stating that the following memorial had been passed by the Hamilton Council, and asking the London and other Councils to endorse it: 1. That in the belief of your memorialists a large portion of the money which of late years has been expended for the purpose of inducing emigration to Canada has resulted in bringing to this country r large number of persons for whom there is no employment. 2. That in the opinion of your memorialists it is not expedient for any further sums to be provided by your Government to pay or aid in paying the passage money of any emigrants to Canada. No. 1.

LIGHT FOR NUMBER FIVE.

Ald. Stringer said there was no report from No. 3, but asked to be empowered to have the lamps in No. 5 ward lighted. Granted.

NUMBER TWO'S REPORT.

By Ald. Taylor, chairman: 1. Re the communication of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition the committee report progress and ask power. 2. That in re the account